

Alice DeK. Shattuck.

JANUARY 12, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9481.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9481) granting an increase of pension to Alice DeK. Shattuck, having carefully examined the facts presented, respectfully report:

Lucius H. Shattuck enlisted August 13, 1861, as hospital steward, United States Army, and served continuously until February 24, 1867, when he was honorably discharged. He died June 29, 1877, of Bright's disease of the kidneys.

The claimant was married to the soldier October 13, 1875. She applied for and was pensioned under general law from date of soldier's death.

Testimony, medical and lay, filed with the committee shows that the beneficiary is now 52 years old, is wholly destitute of any property or income outside of her pension at \$12 per month, and that she is afflicted with epilepsy or some disease producing frequent convulsions, and that she requires the constant aid and attendance of another person because of her affliction.

A letter from the Commissioner of Pensions says that she is a most estimable lady, and was formerly a very thorough and efficient clerk in the Pension Bureau; but unfortunately lost her position because of her physical condition.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill, with an amendment striking out all of the printed bill after the word "Shattuck," in line 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Widow of Lucius H. Shattuck, late hospital steward United States Army, on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, and pay her a pension at the rate of \$30 per month."